



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6897

January Session, 2005

* HB06897HS 042005 *

**AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING OVERSIGHT OF PATIENTS
RECEIVING HOME HEALTH SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 19a-491 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (g) The commissioner may require as a condition of the licensure of
5 home health care agencies and homemaker-home health aide agencies
6 that each agency meet minimum service quality standards. In the
7 event the commissioner requires such agencies to meet minimum
8 service quality standards as a condition of their licensure, the
9 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
10 provisions of chapter 54, to define such minimum service quality
11 standards, which shall (1) allow for training of homemaker-home
12 health [care] aides by adult continuing education, (2) require a
13 registered nurse to visit and assess each patient receiving homemaker-
14 home health aide services as often as necessary based on the patient's
15 condition, but not less than once every sixty days, and (3) require the
16 assessment prescribed by subdivision (2) of this subsection to be
17 completed while the homemaker-home health aide is providing
18 services in the patient's home.

19 Sec. 2. Section 17b-242 of the general statutes is amended by adding

20 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

21 (NEW) (e) The home health services fee schedule established
22 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include a fee for nursing
23 services for (1) management and evaluation of a patient care plan
24 established and approved by a licensed physician, and (2) assessment
25 and observation of a patient's condition when the specialized skills of a
26 medical professional are necessary to determine the patient's status.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-491(g)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17b-242

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